

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5, and 9 are the independent claims.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 13, and 14 have been amended. Also, the Specification has been amended to address punctuation deficiencies and to remove the paragraph numeral [0031]. No new matter has been added.

Initially, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indications that claims 1, 2, and 5-15 are allowed and that claims 3 and 4 recite patentable subject matter and would be allowable if amended to overcome a rejection under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, as discussed below. By the present Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 3 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, as discussed below. Claim 4 depends from claim 3. Claim 4 has been amended to improve the form of the claim, no new matter has been added. However, Applicants have not amended any of allowed claims 1, 2, and 5-15, save claims 3, 4, 7, 13, and 14, which have been amended to address formal objections to the same. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, and 5-15 should remain allowed and that claims 3 and 4 are now in allowable form.

The Office Action objected to claims 3, 7, 13, and 14 on formal grounds for lacking a period at the end of each claim. In response, Applicants have amended these claims to add periods.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 3 and 4 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, as indefinite. Specifically, the Office Action rejected claim 3 because of the recitation of "the received data." In response, Applicants have amended claim 3 in the manner kindly suggested by the Examiner.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent

claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. However, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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